

Appl. No. 10/645,001
Amdt. dated June 18, 2004
Reply to Office action of March 18, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:


Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartusek et al. (US Patent 4,700,785). Claims 2, 4-7 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but are deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8-10 are allowed.

Changes to the specification are intended to correct informalities in the specification noted by the applicant.

Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Claims 5-7 have been amended to depend from claim 4 and to eliminate repeated limitations present in claim 4. Claims 11 and 12 are new dependent claims and claims 13 and 14 are new method claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,


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